(b) what steps Government are contemplating for the speedy disposal of pending cases in Andhra Pradesh High Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Year-wise information in respect of Andhra Pradesh High Court is as follows:

Year	Institution	Disposal	Pendency as on 31st December of the Year
1989	92498	92846	72791
1990	85461	75605	82647
1991	84116	74895	91902 (includes 34 restored cases)

(b) The judge strength has been increased from time to time. The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee, which examined the problem of arrears in the Courts, covering various aspects like Jurisdictional and procedural modifications/improvements in the Judiciary, improvements in infrastructural facilities including modernisation of office equipments in Courts and in day to day working of the Courts, giving priority to old cases, etc., have been commended to all concerned State Governments/High Courts including the Andhra Pradesh High Court for necessary follow-up action.

Lok Adalats in Andhra Pradesh

2620. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Lok Adalats held in Andhra Pradesh so far;

(b) the number of cases settled by Lok Adalats there;

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend the categories of cases to be heard by Lok Adalats;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As per information available, 128 Lok Adalats have been organised in Andhra Pradesh as on 1-6-1992, where 1,83,549 cases were settled.

(c) to (e) Initially, civil, revenue and criminal disputes which are compoundable, were being taken up by the Lok Adalats. Now, the Lok Adalats are also taking up Motor Accident Compensation Claims, mutation of land pattas, forest lands, bonded labour, land acquisition, matrimonial and family disputes and bank loan cases.

Claims from M/s Nagrath Fire Brick and Potteries Private Limited

2621. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 31 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th April, 1992 and state:

(a) by when the claims would be invited from creditors of M/s. Nagrath

Fire Brick and Potteries Private Limited, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the dues of the workers is more than the amount realised by the office of the official liquidators, Delhi;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the workers have applied to adjust the asset of the factory against their dues to run the farming cooperative of the workers; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Official Liquidator, Delhi has sought permission of the Delhi High Court to invite claims from the creditors of M|s. Nagrath Fire Brick and Potteries Private Limited. As and when the is received, further action for inviting the claims from the creditors would be undertaken.

(b) A fund of Rs. 5,70,000/- is lying in the hands of the Official Liquidator. As the claims are yet to be invited and settled, it is not possible to state the exact dues of the ex-workers at this stage.

(c) and (d) The factory alongwith the Land, Plant & Machinery have been sold in terms of orders of the Hon'ble High Court and the question of adjustment does not arise.

Pending cases in Guwahati High Court

2622. SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending for disposal in the Guwahati High Court;

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government to dispose of these large number of pending cases; and

(c) what are the details of the pending cases which were granted highest number of adjournments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As on 31.3.1992, 20239 cases were pending in Guwahati High Court. Judge strength has been increased from time to time. The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee, which examined the problem of arrears in the Courts, covering various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifications/improvements in the judiciary, improvements in infrastructural facilities including modernisation of office equipments in courts and in day to day working of the courts giving priority to old cases etc., have been commended to all concerned State Governments/High Courts including the Guwahati High Court for necessary follow-up action; and

(c) Such information is not maintained.

Strengthening Para Legal programme

2623. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of para legal persons especially women who are trained so far in Andhra Pradesh under para-legals programme;

(b) what is the target for 1992-93;

(c) what are the aims of this programme;

(d) how far the aims are achieved;

(e) whether there is any proposal to strengthen this programme; and